(c) whether it is a fact that the annual budget of the Indian Council of Agriculture Research has been increasing from year to year; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the annual budget allocations to ICAR for the last five years and the reasons for the increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Sir, The report of the C & AG for the period eroding 31.3.1992 has not been received. In the reports for 1987-88 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 no specific observation on a consolidated basis titled as "Wasteful expenditure on Agriculture Research Laboratories" has been made by the C & AG.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes.

(d) The details of the Budget allocation (RE) for the year from 1987-88 to 1991-92 are as under:—

Ruppes in Lakhs)

Year	Non-Plan	Plan
1987-88	8977.00	8200.00
1988-89	10990.00	9458.00
1989-90	13825.00	11269.00
1990-91	16362.00	15324.00
1991-92	16965.00	18026.00

Their increase is due to strenthening of the ongoing schemes, taking up of certain new schemes, general increase in establishement expenditure due to DA rates etc. and increase in the prices of Chemicals, Fertilizers & ancillary items.

Fruits Policy

3813. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is the second largest producer of fruits in the world;

(b) if so, the reasons for India's very poor share i.e. 0.9 percent in the world's fruits export;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Food and Agricultural Organisation study which has estimated that 40 per cent of Indian fruits perish, under scoring the ineffectual Indian approach to its export wealth;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to make fruits policy to tap the tremendous potential of India's fruit wealth; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Present levels of domenstic consumption do not generate large surpluses over production. Further lack of quality products and export related infrastructure have also inhibited exports.

(c) to (e) A number of schemes are under implementation by Food Processing Industry Ministry to preserve the fruits. A consolidated proposal for export enhancement programmes for VIII Plan Period have been formulated in coordination with Planning Commission and Ministry of Commerce.

गन्ने का खरीद मूल्य

3814. श्री राम नरेश यादवः क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) चालू वर्ष के लिए सरकार ने गन्ने की फसल के लिए प्रति क्विंटल कितना खरीद मूल्य निर्धारित किया है;

(ख) गन्ने की खरीद का राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है; और